

WEEKEND OF March 5, 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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Rev. Adam Sedar, M.A., M.Div. Pastor

Deacon Michael Boyle

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Principal & D.R.E.



SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:30 PM Donald Schmoyer, by his Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 AM Stephen Soffa, by Grant & Mary Ann

7:30 AM Eleanor Miller, by Dave & Pat Frank

10:15 AM Rachel Henry, by Bob & Beth La Salle & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 AM Mary Palladino, by Kathy Palladino

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM Kristen Snell, by The Kutzmonich Family

10:45 AM Amanda Binsfeld, by John Shryock

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Fr. Francis Straka

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 AM Mary Bolez, by The Schadler family

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Mary Lee Davis, by Her Family

4:30 PM Lisa Caruso, by the Ricco Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

6:00 AM Donald Gehringer, Sr., by Tom & Rita

7:30 AM Eleanor Miller, by Buddy & Mary Ann Sobjak

10:15 AM Joseph Houk, by Joe & Kathy Schreiner

ALTAR SERVERS MARCH 10, 11, & 12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
7:00 PM	Philip & Thomas Heid – Shane Clark
SATURDAY	
4:30 PM	Matthew & Gianna Graczyk – Olivia Campbell
SUNDAY	
6:00 AM	Autumn Kline
7:30 AM	Nesiah Bertram – Sean & Nichole Bertino - Liam Cunningham
10:15 AM	Kayleen La Salle – Adam Frank – Mary James

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday & Friday evenings 6:00 – 6:30 PM.

Saturday 3:15 – 4:00 PM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

ROSARY GUILD Tues. morning 8:30 AM in Fr. Schneider Hall.

LEGION OF MARY Tues. evening at 7:00 PM.

MASS CARDS

To schedule a mass please stop by the Rectory office Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

SAINT VINCENT De PAUL

Please continue to pray for the many requests listed in Our Book of Intentions.

HOSPITAL CONFIDENTIALITY

Parishioners are encouraged to let the parish know when they are in the hospital, nursing home or other medical care facilities. Due to the laws on confidentiality hospitals will not release information to the parish unless a patient requests parish notification.

NOT TOO LATE

You can still join a **SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP.**

For more information call Margaret Chovanes @ 610-248-2171 or email mchova@aol.com.

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,650.00
Repair	\$ 753.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Alicia Wurster, Helen Ragone, Tara Wyman, Eric Hoehl, Ron Myslak, Ed Kugent, Jason Michael, Lucy Riebling, Toby Minner, Romana Kemp, Jarrid Keller, Donald Minner, George Showers, Lisa Derocher, Leroy Shaw, Eleanor Larson, Marcy Marks, Bradley King, Ed Hurys, Julianna Di Pietro, Francis "Fritz" Henry, Bill and Rita Stephens, Margaret Kuhn, Dan Bauer, Brian Kelly, Elizabeth Klocek, Grace Ziegler, Ilene Herrlinger, Yvonne Watts, Brandon Dubble, Charlene Long, Matthew Palmer, Liz Rotondo, Bill Eliasson, Gail Russell, Joe Bintner, Richard Slavinski, Thomas Rymal, Joseph Neill, Bonnie Bowman, A.E. Hill, Jennifer Sivco, Chris Stavinski, Mike Sobjak, Emalyn Faith Moyer, Phillip MacKelvy, Tony, Brian Muthersbaugh, Rudy Freimann, Maria Rossi, Kathi Donia, Veronica Babilon, Volker Kaestel, Jennifer Farrey, Miranda MacKenzie Richard, Frances Jacobs, Ryan Gerhold, Russell Reigner, Cathy Heimbach, Christian, Linda Seiber, Marie Hobson, Pat Fry, Christian Walters, Rita Meck, Mark Zigenfuse, Jackie Repko, Teresa Nethers, Carl and Barbara Schott, C. Simes, Jay Bauer, Karen Baker, Joanne Mathias, Louisa Frey, Jon Strain, Robert Strain, Robert Baumer, Tammy Hubickey, Michael McCormick, Eileen Daulerio, David Henry, Kelly Barry, Richard Bauman, Michael Quigley, Frances DeMedio, Karen Waldron, Earl Ziegler, Carol Minner, Christine Chesney, Mel Mundy-Williams, Dennis Weinstein, Anna Mae Melcher, David Farrell, Francesca Thaler, Nancy Grim, Tillie Sodano, Tony Rossetti, Allen Melcher, James Kennedy, Jonathan Nichols, Larry Tranovich, Jimmy McGlory, Shirley Cleary, Colton Buckley and Marge Grim.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Sr. Joseph, Dennis Fronheiser, Francis S. Henry, and Betty Saladino.

Remembering our Loved Ones in the Military

Please keep in your prayers:

ISSN Keith Essig, SGT Jeffrey Ferry, CPT. Kevin Bergan, SGT Brad Kline, USMC 2nd Lt. Peter C. Fisher, SPC Daniel Saylor, CPL Matt Renner, PSC Derrick Avant, SPC Michael Greaves, SGT Vince Sodano, Chief Noah W. Ziegler, MAJ Jeremy Bushyager, SGT Eddie Pierce, Airman 1st Class Jordan C. Garcia, CAPT Justin Knepp, PFC Sam S. Myers, Lt. 1st Class Heather Cupitt, Staff SGT Eric J. Crews, PVT Nathaniel Walters, Sr. Airman Anthony Lucarelli, MAJ Michael O'Kane, SSG Antonio Rivera, Airman 1st Class Andrew Gerard, PVT Daniel Walters, Sr. Airman Michael Viola, Douglas Philip Murray, Sr. Airman J.T. Walters, Lt. Justin Hazlett, MSTR SGT Jason Robbins, CPT Tylara Romero, 2nd LT Konrad Thaler, Midshipman Piper Thaler, David Stavish, Capt, USN, Joseph Stavish, Cdr, USN, SPC James O' Connor.

If a member of your family or a friend is currently serving in the armed services, please let us know 610-845-2460. We would like to especially pray for them and you during these difficult times.



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The Diocesan Website for Protection and Youth can be found online at: www.allentowndioocese.org. – Then click on the link on the left for the Protection of Youth.

WELCOME VISITORS

A special word of welcome to all visitors and pilgrims worshipping with us here in our historical parish church. We hope you enjoy your trip to Bally. The town was named after our former pastor Augustus Bally, S.J.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

"Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Fasting, self denial, walking the way of the cross. At first all that Lent is about may seem to be a bit of a downer, not very uplifting, maybe even depressing. Yet, if we truly enter the spirit of the Lenten season, it is actually the antidote for depression. We began on Ash Wednesday, recalling our mortality by the imposition of ashes. This is not at all a dark thought, as we realize that while our bodies will return to the dust from which they came, that they are not destined to remain there. They are destined for the grand reunion of body and soul. For this reunion to be a glorious share in the risen life of Christ, we need the penance, the sacrifice and self denial that is a part of Lent. These penitential or ascetical acts are a necessary part of our ongoing conversion, as we allow the grace of the Lord to be more effective within us. If it were not for the fact of our human mortality, if death was not the wage of sin, then we would not be so motivated to be about the work of that conversion. Death first becomes the wage of sin, so that it can then in Christ Jesus our Lord, become the means of our salvation and the way that will lead us to next phase of human life, where body and soul are but for a little while separated. When our Lord's body slept in the tomb He was still busy about the work of our redemption, for it was then that "in His human soul united to His Divine Person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened Heaven's Gates for the just who had gone before Him" (CCC 637) Just so, when our bodies sleep in the tomb, in our souls most of us will be busy continuing the work of our redemption, undergoing by the grace of God the purification of purgatory, so that then our souls may enter the glory the Trinity, and await that grand and glorious resurrection of our bodies. You see Lent is really representative of the whole journey of life. We undertake acts of prayer, fasting and charity along the way of this world, the way of the Cross, which leads us on through a death in union with the death of our Lord, and to the joy and glory of being one with Him in an Easter day that never ends. So it is only without Lent that our life truly would be depressing. Lent lifts us out of that, showing us the real excitement and joy that life holds. Peace- Father Adam

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017



Every Tuesday, 12 Noon - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration.

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.— Pope Saint John Paul II

✓ **Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:00 PM.**

MBS FISH FRY UPDATES

✓ See you at the Fish Fry March 10th!!!

Bring your friends and your appetites.

✓ Extra Menus are on the St. Anthony table at the back of Church. Take some to your workplace and share with friends for pre-orders. Delivery available to local businesses for the lunch orders.

✓ Volunteers needed Thursday, 8 AM - 1 PM to prep the food.

✓ Friday 8 AM- 7 PM to help cook, clean, sell food and jolly up other volunteers. Any number of hours you can provide on Fridays are appreciated, whole days not required! :)

✓ Baked goods can be dropped off at carnival building on Thursday or Friday morning.

✓ Drivers are needed to help drop off orders to surrounding businesses. Should know the area relatively well (or have a good GPS!)

✓ A volunteer is needed the day of Fish Fry to answer the phone and take phone orders!

✓ Always looking for Saturday morning help after each fish fry. This is heavy cleaning. Eighth grade and up are welcome.

To volunteer call Margaret @ 610-248-2171 or mchova@aol.com.

LENTEN LUNCH OFFERINGS

"Pivotal Players" by Bishop Robert Barron, will be begin this weekend after the 10:15 Mass in Fr. Schneider Hall, from approximately, 11:15 - 12:45. A spaghetti lunch will be served. Good will offering appreciated but not necessary. Registration is recommended. Email or call Margaret to save your spot or for any questions at mchova@aol.com or 610-845-2600.

REFLECTION BOOKS

Don't forget to pick-up your Little Black Book after mass today.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY

March 5 – HSA Designer Purse Bingo. Doors open 11:30 Games begin 1:00.

March 7 – School Liturgy 10:45.

March 10 – Stations of the Cross Gr. 3 to 8 2:00pm.

Dance for Gr. 6, 7, and 8. 7:00-9:00.

End of Second Trimester.

Congrats to Miss Bauer and our SFA students. The Jump Rope for Heart raised \$2,197 for the American Heart Association. Thank you to all who participated.

Congratulations to the 2017 Science Expo winners!

First Place- Jacob Foley, Monica Guerin, Avianna Conklin, Mary Catherine Maloney.

Second Place – Connor McGill, Isabela Caruso, Anthony Adamkovic, Gianna Graczyk, Elizabeth Conrad, Mary James

Third Place- Erin Smola, Tyler Derkotch, Olivia Kauffman, Valeria Guerin.

Honorable Mention – Matthew Graczyk, Andrew Dalickas, Annika Snyder, Theresa Patterson, Dawson Haas-Whalen,

Alayna Bialek, Zachary Moser, Faith Kriebel, Caiden McGill

Please do not put any kind of cardboard in the paper recycling bins behind the school. Thank you.

Plastic Cash Sales through school are Mon., Wed., and Fri. and at all Sunday MBS masses. Thank you for supporting our biggest fundraiser.

Please continue to send in Box Tops and Redners Save-a-Tapes.

ST. FRANCIS CYO - SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

St. Francis CYO now has open registration for the following Spring sports: Baseball (7th – 8th grade boys*), Softball (6th – 8th grade girls), and Track & Field (6th – 8th grade boys and girls). All 6th through 8th grade students attending SFA or Most Blessed Sacrament/St. Columbkil CCD programs are eligible. Please send an email to saintfranciscyo@gmail.com by March 5th to request a registration packet. Practices begin in mid-March. *Please note: Baseball registration may open up to 6th grade boys if not enough 7-8th graders register, as has been the case in recent years. Please keep this possibility in mind for your 6th grade boy. We are in need of volunteer coaches (especially Track & Field coaches). Please consider volunteering and helping our kids learn life skills such as sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.

SPRING CLEANOUT

SFA Spring Used Clothing Drive will be held Saturday, April 29th from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM, in the school parking lot. Any questions please call Megan at 610-730-5441 or email mbwilson@hotmail.com.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP DONATIONS OFF AT THE RECTORY.

CANDY SALE

Members of Cub Scout Pack 586 are taking orders for Reppert's Easter Candy. All orders and money are due by March 15th. Order forms are on the table in back of Church.

YOUTH GROUP

For information please contact Heather at: 484-336-9200.

LENTEN SCHEDULE AT ST. COLUMBKILL'S

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 9 AM. And Wednesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM.